



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2834**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 400906/SOGA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TANIGUCHI et al.

Application No. 09/697,678

Filed: October 27, 2000

For: ELASTIC WAVE GENERATOR

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: M. Budd

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

26. (Amended) An elastic wave generator comprising:
an excitation coil;
a magnetostriction oscillator around which the excitation coil is wound and including laminated magnetostriction sheets having a metallic crystalline structure which exhibits positive strain characteristics in which length varies directionally upon magnetic excitation;
a spacer made of a non-magnetic material and located on a first end surface of said magnetostriction oscillator; and